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Respectfully submitted,

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		English language translation of the International Preliminary Examination report for PCT/JP2005/000657 mailed on October 26, 2006.	

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